Town Hall Meeting FY2010 Budget Discussion

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General Fund Revenues

FY2009

FY2010

Change

% Change

Operating Revenue

\$ 68,002,986 66,238,460

(1,764,527)

-2.59%

General Fund Expenditures

	2009	2010	Change	
General Government*	38,090,506	36,883,146	-3.2%	
School Transfer	30,117,600	29,624,825	-1.6%	
Pay-as-you-go Capital	2,401,480	113,000	-95.2%	
Total	\$70,609,586	\$66,620,971	-5.7%	

^{*}includes debt service

Comparative RE Tax Rates

		2009	2010*	Tax Districts		Comm
1	Manassas Park	1.24	1.64			
2	Leesburg	1.32	1.49			
3	Herndon	1.16	1.30			
4	Loudoun	1.14	1.29	0.13	0.30	aaaaa
5	Vienna	1.12	1.28			
6	Manassas (w fire)	1.05	1.37	£		F3 (
7	Prince William	0.97	1.21	0.00	0.20	CRATE
8	Falls Church	1.03	1.07	31		275
9	Fairfax County	0.92	1.05	0.01	0.22	1.15
10	City of Fairfax	0.79	.94	0.00	0.22	24
11	Arlington	0.85	.88	0.04	0.14	.98
12	Alexandria	0.85	.89	25-	3000	

^{*} Mix of Proposed and Adopted Rates

Final Council Points of Discussion

- Maintain scaled back GEORGE Service
 - Use NVTC Fund Balance
- Restore Funding for Watch Night: \$12,000
- Mulch Fees: eliminate proposed \$15 fee for City residents (\$3,700)
- Increase Gen Govt Budget by \$175,000
 - Mitigate lay-offs
- Reduce School Transfer by \$170,000
 - School Board Requested to Evaluate

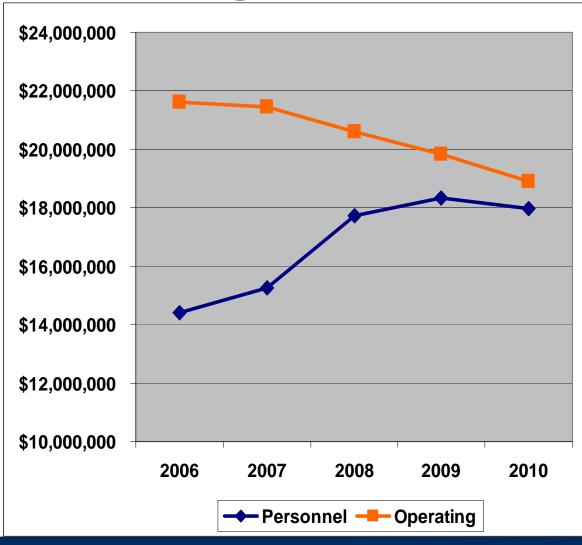
Issues to Consider: FY2011and Beyond

- Increasing pension contributions
 - stock market declines will require local dollars to fund future obligations
- Continued slow real estate market
 - No growth in residential assessments
 - Possible decline in commercial assessments
- Continued slow retail, business activity
 - New retail venue in the City will help
 - No other growth in sales tax revenues

Personnel Reductions

- Pay Freeze
- 7 Positions Defunded
- 3 Part Time
 - Human Resources Specialist
 - Urban Environmental Inspector
 - Food Service Provider (hours reduced)
- 4 Full Time
 - Police Officer (Vacant)
 - City Manager's Office Administrative Assistant
 - Emergency Management Specialist
 - Housing Development Specialist
- ~\$175,000 would avoid loss of 2 full time positions

Operating Cost Trends



School Transfer

- Proposed School FY10 Budget:
 - \$39,753,875
- School Board Request:
 - \$29,624,825
- Council requested information on the impact of a proposed \$170,000 reduction to School Transfer on April 20
- School Board met on April 21 to review



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